



# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

**Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome**, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Prelude in E-Flat Major*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our virtual worship service. We invite you to participate in the liturgy by joining the worship leader on lines printed in **bold**.

We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter through the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)), liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)), or following us on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)).

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of my brother Thomas Vane, from Mary Vane.

**Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship** to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) to choose a date. The next available date is August 30.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather for worship aware that we hunger for many things.

**We hunger for meaning, we hunger for wisdom, we hunger for hope.**

Christ is the true foundation of our lives.

**He is the one who can satisfy our deepest yearnings.**

HYMN NO. 81

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Vs. 1 & 3

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God.  
God, whose word cannot be broken,  
formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

**We call you the Son of the Living God.**

**But we do not always trust you to be at work in our world today.**

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

**You are the Messiah, who delivers us from death to life.**

**But we doubt your power to transform our lives.**

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

**We profess you are the Christ, the Lord of our lives.**

**But our attention often wanders and our loyalty is tested.**

**Forgive us.**

**Help us not only to proclaim you,**

**but to follow your way of justice and peace. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

## SERMON

Greg Jones

## HYMN NO. 325

*By All Your Saints Still Striving*  
Vs. 1 & 5

KING'S LYNN

By all your saints still striving,  
for all your saints at rest,  
your holy name, O Jesus,  
forevermore be blessed!  
For those passed on before us,  
we sing our praise anew  
and, walking in their footsteps,  
would live our lives for you.

We pray for saints we know not,  
for saints still yet to be,  
for grace to bear true witness  
and serve you faithfully,  
Till all the ransomed number  
who stand before the throne  
ascribe all power and glory  
and praise to God alone.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*The Solid Rock*

Mark Thallander

## GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

*With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking "Donate Now" on the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)).*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). We invite you to share signs of Christ's peace with those with whom you are gathered, or to pass the peace virtually by calling, emailing, or texting your family and friends in our congregation and beyond.*

## PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones  
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson  
Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman  
Soloist: Roger Atkins  
Videographers: Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker and Baden Saathoff

## SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are grateful to Westminster John Knox Press for making available the complete list of public domain hymns included in the *Glory to God* hymnal and to Illustrated Ministry ([www.illustratedministry.com](http://www.illustratedministry.com)) for our children's bulletins.

The Prayer of Confession was written by our Associate Pastor, the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, and published in: "Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts," Volume 53.1: Lectionary Aids for 2019-2020, Year A, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)).

The resources for children attached at the end of the bulletin are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week. You can find educational offerings at the end of this Order of Worship.

# EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

Virtual Christian education and small group opportunities can also be found on the homepage of the Westminster website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)).

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## Online Bible Study

**Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

~~<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>~~ New way to join! Go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) and enter Meeting ID **899 3845 5537**.

Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

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## Women's Online Community Group

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.**

Coordinator: Jill Getty

For women of the church to provide connection and friendship, this group meets on Zoom. If interested, please email Jill Getty at [jgetty@wpc.org](mailto:jgetty@wpc.org) and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the Zoom link and password.

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## WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

### When Protests Become Perilous

Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Janet Steinwedel, Executive Coach and Leadership Consultant, will facilitate a conversation about what can happen when we become part of a crowd, a mob, or a protest. Consider your own experiences of seeing someone you thought very socially appropriate fall under the spell of collective energy whether at a board meeting, a sporting event, a committee meeting or some other charged event. What surprised you? What do you attribute that behavior to? While many protests are safe and peaceful, what makes a good protest become perilous? Let's talk about it.



Join us using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84768977211>. Or go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), enter Meeting ID **847 6897 7211** and click "Join." Look for more topics and information on the WPC [Facebook](#) page.

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180 Youth Ministry will resume in September.

# UPCOMING DEACON EVENTS

## Social Distancing Hike

**Saturday, August 29 • 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

Participants have enjoyed these Deacon-sponsored, social distancing hikes held at various New Castle County parks, and another one is planned for Saturday, August 29, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. This event is limited to 10 people. Please be sure that everyone in your family who is required to wear a mask brings one to wear. If you'd like to participate, please email Debbie Wise at [djwise99@gmail.com](mailto:djwise99@gmail.com) by **8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28**. The meeting location will be emailed to participants. Hope you'll join us!

## Bingo on the Lawn

**Saturday, August 29 • 6:15 p.m.**

**(immediately after worship on the lawn)**

On Saturday, August 29, those who attend the 5:30 p.m. worship service on the church lawn (reservations are required to attend the service) have the option to play a fun game of bingo after the service! Participants will stay socially distanced in their assigned circles. For those who feel comfortable removing their masks, feel free to pack a snack or dinner to enjoy while playing bingo (no alcoholic beverages). The Deacons will provide new disposable bingo packets, sanitized clipboards, individual bottles of water and apple juice, and individual packages of chips, pretzels and cheese crackers. Please bring your own pen or pencil if you do not want to use one from the church.

## Virtual Trivia Night

**Wednesday, August 26 • 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

Team up with your family members to play against other Westminster households to answer questions about church history, the Bible, and other surprising topics. We will be using an online game called Kahoot! You will need access to Zoom and a separate device with internet to access Kahoot! Please email Deacon Jenn Blackford to RSVP ([blackfordj11@gmail.com](mailto:blackfordj11@gmail.com)).



# Join Us! Worship Service on the Church Lawn

**Saturday, August 29, 5:30 p.m.**

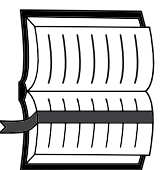
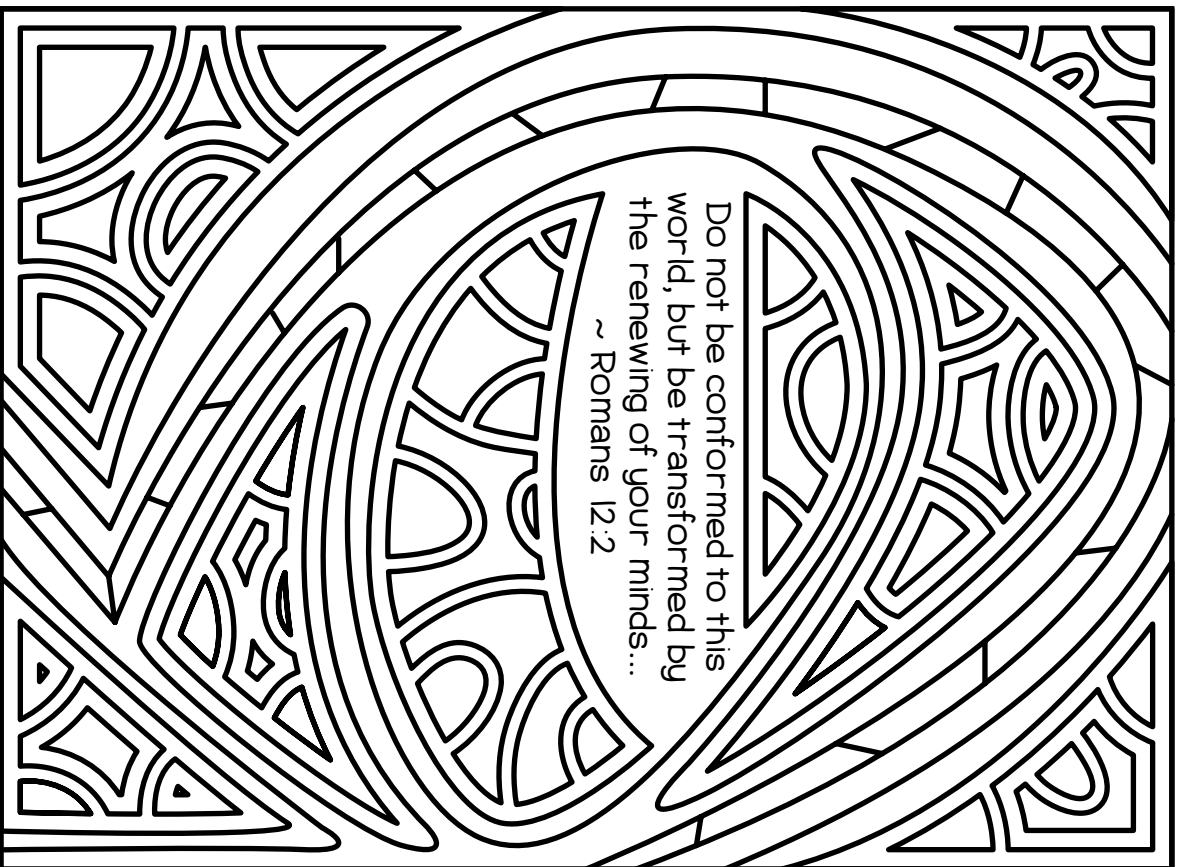


On Saturday, August 29, we will worship on our church lawn at 5:30 p.m. (ending by 6:10 p.m.). To ensure the safety of everyone, attendance is limited and an online reservation is required. Please submit **ONE reservation per family**. When we reach the maximum number of family units we can host, the reservations will close.

Everyone who attends the service must wear a mask, practice social distancing by keeping a distance of at least six feet from anyone who is not in your family, and sit where indicated by an usher. Children must remain with their parents at all times. There will be no congregational singing; however, Tony will play a digital piano and some of our choristers will sing. Remember that at that time of day it is still hot and most of the lawn will not be in the shade. Dress accordingly and feel free to bring a bottle of water. **IMPORTANT! Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to sit on.**

The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation to print and bring to the service. If it rains, the service is cancelled. Worship on the lawn does not replace our virtual worship service, which will be available on our [website](#) on Sunday, August 30.

**[Click here](#) to make your online reservation for August 29 worship on the lawn!**

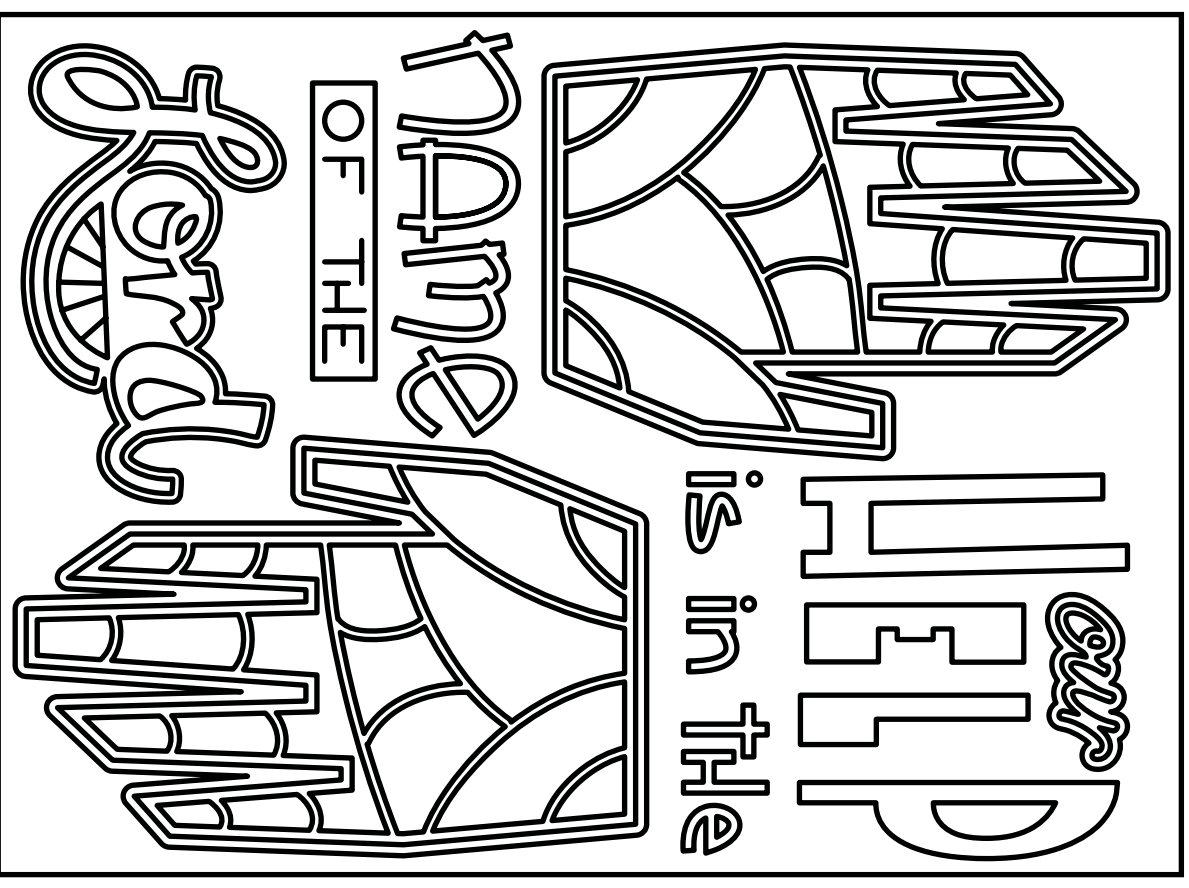


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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Exodus 18:2-10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20.

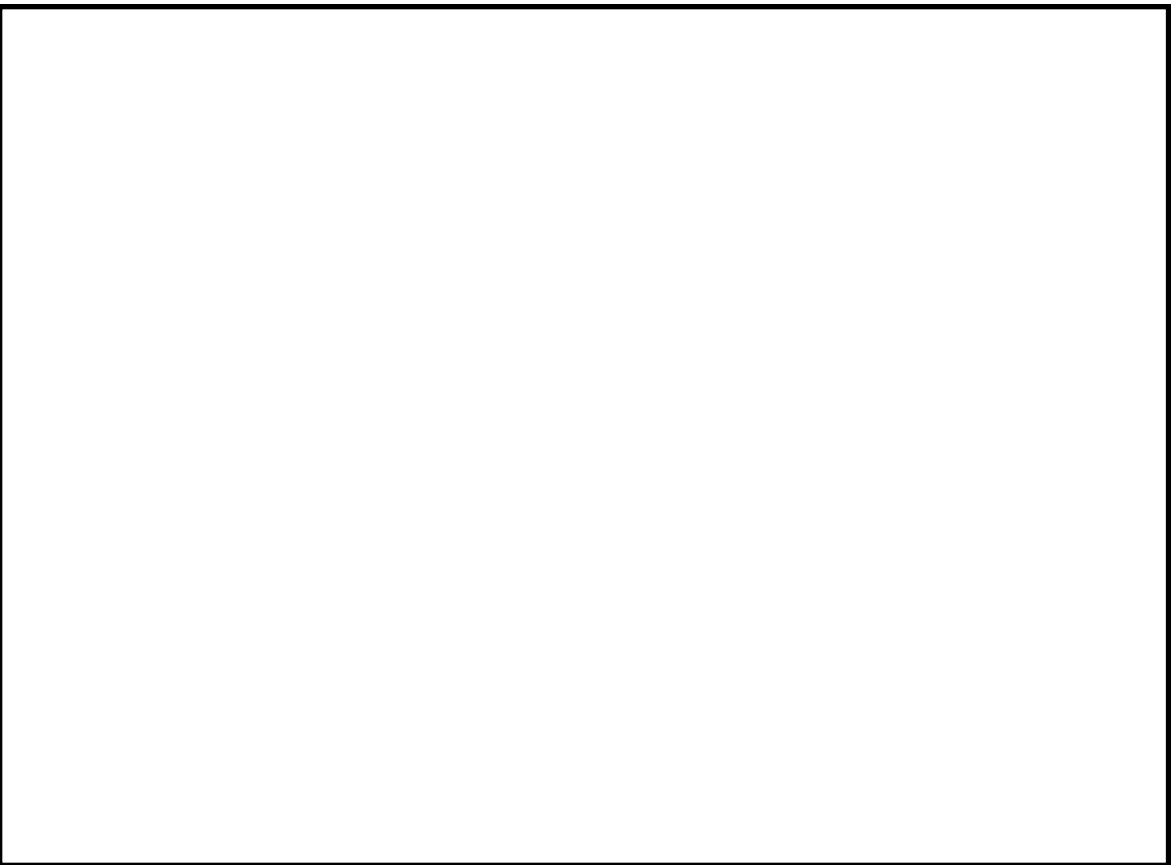






# DRAW IT

In Matthew 16, Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do you say I am?” Draw a picture of Jesus. Who is Jesus to you?



# FINISH <sup>the</sup> DRAWING

In Exodus 1, we meet two incredibly brave women. They were Hebrew midwives named Shiphrah and Puah. Finish drawing these two women, and between them, draw a woman or girl you know who is courageous.

